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The application and the material cited to date have been carefully reviewed along with Examiner's remarks in the Office action. After this review, Applicant is convinced that his claimed composition and articles are novel and patentable. Applicant strongly believes that his application embodies a significant discovery, that the claims define the invention in a clear and definite manner, and that all of the amended claims are allowable.

Claims 1-10 are present in the case. Claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 have been amended for better reading, removal of redundancy, and to better bring out the invention. The amendment do not involve new matter or new issues and are not made in view of any prior art.

Patent documents K and L and sales literature M on Form 1449 are submitted for Examiner's review. Applicant became aware of these documents and their possible relevance after Applicant's response of June 14, 1999. Documents K and L do not appear to be directed to a crystal gel having improved properties over the SEBS or SEPS amorphous gels. Document M appear to have a date of March 1999 which is after Applicant's effective filing date.

Should Examiner have any questions regarding this response, Applicant can be reached at (650) 827-1388.

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